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Timely Tidbits ...

Jones Sub Reunion

Everyone is invited to celebrate the 62nd anniversary of the American Progressive Association at the annual Jones Sub Reunion, to be held at Thomas J. Coleman Community Center (35351 Beverly Road, Romulus) the weekend of August 8–10.

Events will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday with a "meet and greet." Saturday's schedule, which begins at noon, will feature a picnic (bring your own food, or share refreshments that will be provided) and DJ music by Crocket. Sunday's highlight will be a gospel choir celebration, also set for noon. Children's games are scheduled throughout.

For info, call 734-722-0611.

Vacation Bible School

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church – located at 33640 Michigan Avenue in Wayne – is inviting the community to attend Vacation Bible School the week of July 28–August 1. This year's theme is "Explore the Power – Jesus!"

"We have planned classes and activities for all ages, toddlers through senior adults," said Mae Jackson, superintendent of the church's Sunday School program and director of VBS. "Some of the events will include arts & crafts classes, Bible study, music, and assemblies. Dinner will be served from 4:50 to 5:50 p.m. daily to those who attend. Classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m."

The program will culminate with a special presentation set for 6:45 p.m. on Friday, August 1, when parents will be invited to watch an exciting and electrifying performance by VBS participants. Other highlights will include a lovely crafts display as well as the awarding of prizes and certificates.

"We're really excited about this event," said Jackson, "because we know that everyone who attends will learn, enjoy fellowship, and have lots of fun."

For more information, call the church office at 734-728-2180 or 728-6617. ❑

Romulus School Board Elects New Officers

The newly elected officers of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education are (from left) Michael Woods, treasurer; Cheryle Buckley, vice-president; Betty Lenossi, president; and April Frayer, secretary.

The election of new officers was one of several actions taken at the annual Statutory Meeting of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, held on Monday, July 14, at the district's administrative office on Grant Road.

Member Betty Lenossi was chosen as the School Board's president for the 2003–2004 school year, while members Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, and Michael Woods were elected to the offices of vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

Other important actions taken by the Board included:

- the readoption of all current Board policies;
- the designation of National City and Comerica banks as the district's depositories;
- the retention of the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel to act as auditors for the district;
- the retention of the firms of Keller, Thoma, Schwarze, Schwarze, Dubay & Katz, P.C., and Thrun, Maatsch & Nordberg, Attorneys, to serve as the district's legal counsel; and
- the renewal of the district's memberships in the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, the Middle Cities Education Association, and the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Finally, the Board adopted the following meeting schedule for the upcoming school year (all dates are Mondays, unless otherwise noted):

- July 14, 2003
- July 28, 2003
- August 11, 2003
- August 25, 2003
- September 8, 2003
- September 22, 2003
- October 13, 2003
- October 27, 2003
- November 10, 2003
- November 24, 2003
- December 8, 2003
- December 22, 2003
- January 12, 2004
- January 26, 2004
- February 9, 2004
- March 8, 2004
- March 22, 2004
- April 26, 2004
- May 10, 2004
- May 24, 2004
- June 15, 2004 (Tuesday) ❑

School District Wins $3-million Reading Grant

District spokesman Dick Kruse recently announced that Romulus Community Schools has been awarded a 2-year, $3-million Reading First grant.

"This K–3 grant will fund various district-coordinated activities that will include research-based and directed-learning instructional approaches," he explained.

Curriculum director Tom Dolan, who authored the grant, noted, "Each of our six elementary schools will receive enough funds to hire a reading coach. The grant will also fund a unique new textbook series for the K–3 classes, as well as specialized training for both the coaches and classroom teachers."

Superintendent of schools Joel R. Carr was pleased with the district's selection for the competitive reading grant.

"The goal of this grant will be to provide the best in reading instruction for students in both school and home settings," said Carr. "The school setting will provide individualized instruction and help for students, while the home setting will be encouraged to provide a time and place for students to read each day."

According to Kruse, this successful grant application is another indication of state educators' high esteem for the Romulus Community Schools. Last spring, the district earned the highest scores on the North Central Association's five-year "Transitions" accreditation review, and Romulus was among the first in the country to receive the prestigious "Transitions" accreditation for all district schools.

Romulus has also received praise from members of the national education community. Last year, for example, U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige commended the district for demonstrating that technology can play an important role in increasing student achievement in the sciences. He used the Romulus Community Schools as a "lighthouse" example for other districts to follow as they work toward improved student achievement. ❑

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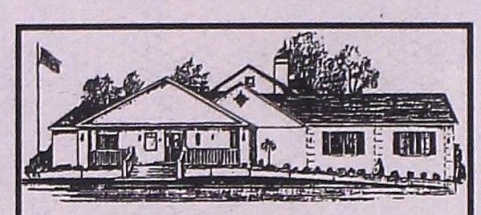

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City Swears in 6 Firefighters, First Female Command Officer

Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert has announced that, in keeping with his commitment to local residents, the City has hired six new full-time firefighters.

"We are working toward a 24-hour, 7-day fire operation for our city," he explained. "There is nothing more important that the safety of our residents."

Lambert also reported that Fire Department employee Karen Nightingale has been promoted from fire inspector to fire marshal, making her the City's first female command officer.

"I'm very proud of these young people," said Lambert. "They have chosen to dedicate themselves to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Romulus."

A brief bio of all 7 follows.

Karen Nightingale

Nightingale joined the Romulus Fire Department on a paid-on-call basis in August of 1991, and was promoted to fire inspector in September of 1997. She is currently a member of the Downriver Fire Investigation Team, and has received her Firefighter I & II, paramedic, and emergency medical services instructor/coordinator certifications.

Nightingale is also pursuing a degree in criminal justice at the University of Michigan.

Neal Allgood

Allgood, who joined the Romulus Fire Department on a paid-on-call basis in June of 1999, also has 2 years' prior experience with the Brownstown Township Fire Department. His certifications include FFI & FFII (Flat Rock Fire Academy) and paramedic.

The 28-year-old Allgood and his wife Tara have 2 sons: Devin, age 4, and Dylan, 7 months old.

Dylan Balluff

Balluff joined the RFD on a paid-on-call basis in August of 2002. His previous experience includes service as an auxiliary firefighter with the Inkster and Highland Park fire departments as well as full-time service with Wayne's fire department. His certifications include FFI & FFII (Schoolcraft College) and paramedic.

Balluff, 30, has associate's degrees in science and engineering from Schoolcraft College, and is currently working to obtain his pilot's license.

Andrew Ellis

Ellis became a paid-on-call member of the RFD in January of 2001, and has 3 years' prior experience with the Huron Township Fire Department. He has received certifications in FFI & FFII (Flat Rock Fire Academy) and EMT basic, and has also completed a specialist course at Schoolcraft College. His hiring continues a family tradition, since his father, uncle, and cousin are also career firefighters.

Karen Nightingale (left), fire marshal, and David Allison, fire chief.

The 26-year-old Ellis is currently engaged to Kelley Fischer. The couple plans to marry on September 13.

John Fauls

Fauls, who joined the RFD on a paid-on-call basis in August of 2002, has more than 3 years' prior experience with the Northville City Fire Department. His certifications include FFI & FFII (Schoolcraft College) and paramedic.

The 25-year-old Fauls and his wife of 4 years, Charity, have a daughter, Adrianna, age 2, and a 10-month-old son, Caleb.

Jason Pittman

Pittman, who is new to the RFD, has 3 years' previous experience with the Van Buren Township Fire Department. He has received his FFI & FFII (Pittsfield Fire Academy) and EMT basic certifications, and recently completed a paramedic course at Baker College.

Being hired by Romulus was immensely satisfying for Pittman, 24, who first applied to the RFD three years ago. Unfortunately, he was not eligible for a paid-on-call position at that time, since he lived three houses outside the City limits.

Matthew Wilhide

Wilhide joined the RFD on a paid-on-call basis in August of 2001. His certifications include FFI & FFII (Schoolcraft College) and EMT basic, and he has also completed a paramedic course at Baker College.

The 20-year-old Wilhide comes to the RFD as a third-generation Romulus firefighter.

For more photos, see page 3. ❑

Submissions of articles, letters, and personal announcements (birth, wedding, etc.) for the August 8 issue of *TRN* must be received in our office by Friday, August 1. For more information, please call 734-941-1907.

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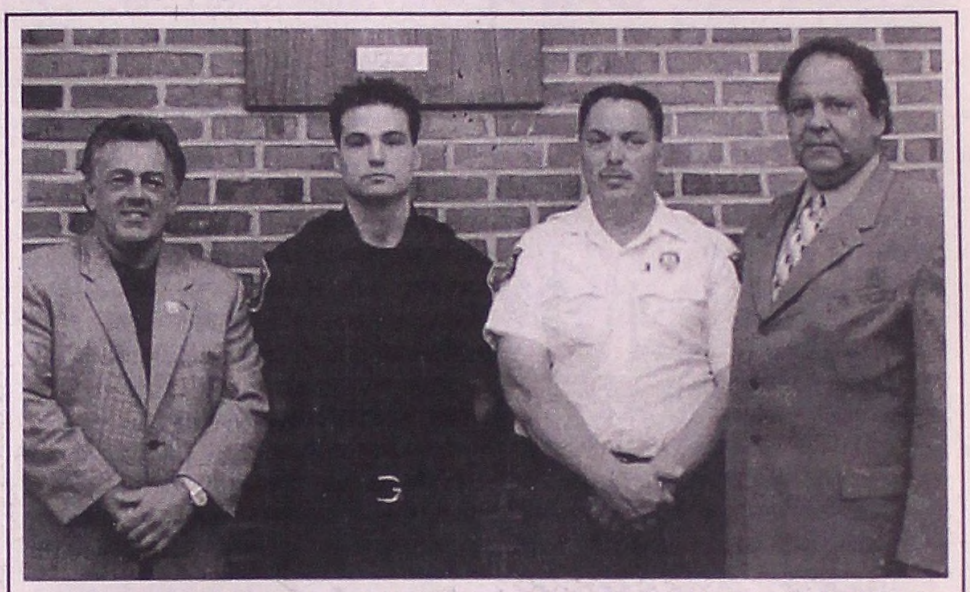
Full-time firefighter Neal Allgood (second from left) with (from left) Alan R. Lambert, mayor; Charles Kirby, director of public safety; and David Allison, fire chief.



Full-time firefighter Dylan Balluff (second from left) with (from left) Alan R. Lambert, mayor; David Allison, fire chief; and Charles Kirby, director of public safety.

Full-time firefighter Andrew Ellis (second from left) with (from left) Alan R. Lambert, mayor; David Allison, fire chief; and Charles Kirby, director of public safety.

Full-time firefighter John Fauls (third from left) with (from left) Charles Kirby, director of public safety; Linda Choate, city clerk; and Alan R. Lambert, mayor.

Full-time firefighter Jason Pittman (second from left) with (from left) Alan R. Lambert, mayor; David Allison, fire chief; and Charles Kirby, director of public safety.

Full-time firefighter Matthew Wilhide (second from left) with (from left) Alan R. Lambert, mayor; Matthew's father, Westland firefighter Mark Wilhide; and Charles Kirby, director of public safety.

"Cruise Night" Features Classic Cars

"Cruise Night" – co-sponsored by Romulus Auto Supply and Michael B's bar – is a weekly opportunity to enjoy summer pleasures of days gone by: lazy visits with friendly folks ... cruisin' cool classic cars (like the one above) ... sharing good food and drink. A 50/50 raffle (half of the pot to the drawing winner, half to a local charity) provides a chance to benefit a worthy cause, too. To date, raffle winners Margo Britz, Jim "Wolfman" Flatt, Delphine Flatt, and David Thiede have shared the wealth with organizations like the Romulus Progressive Club, the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter, and the Romulus Goodfellows. For further details about "Cruise Night," see the ad at right.

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District Court's Community Work Program in Full Swing

The community work program is overseen by (from left) Judge Brian A. Oakley, Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, security director Al Hindman, and (not pictured) Judge David M. Parrott.

An aggressive community-service work program, initiated by the 34th District Court, is in full swing.

The program was launched on May 13 after receiving a stamp of approval from its overseers: Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, Judge Brian A. Oakley, Judge David M. Parrott, and court security director Al Hindman. It benefits communities within the district's jurisdiction (Belleville, Huron Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township) by supplying a wage-free work force of legal offenders for beneficial government and nonprofit projects.

According to Hindman, the district-wide program is modeled after a similar program that has been in effect in Romulus for the past 14 years under the supervision of the City's Department of Public Works.

"The City of Romulus has set a great example for the other communities to follow," he said.

Judge Green said that the work program is a constructive, valuable resource available to sentencing judges, district attorneys, and probation officers.

"The program allows an offender to repay his or her community by providing work services," said Green. "It also allows offenders who have been fined, but do not have the means to pay their costs, to work on community-oriented projects in lieu of their debt."

Another important aspect of the program, according to Judge Oakley, is its psychological benefit.

"The work program gives an offender some sense of belonging in his or her community because of the opportunity it gives him or her to pay the community back," he explained.

All five participating communities have agreed, by proclamation, to participate in the year-round program. Each has an assigned day for the use of a team of up to 14 people. Teams work through each individual community's public works department from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every weekday except Friday.

"The communities are being assigned a group of people that can handle various skilled and unskilled work duties that would otherwise go unattended due to a lack of manpower," said Hindman. "It costs $6 per day to monitor an offender sentenced to perform community service, compared to $45 per day for a person sent to jail."

Community-service workers paint city buildings, keep roadways clear of litter, and perform maintenance tasks at cemeteries, athletic fields, and animal shelters. Offenders licensed in skilled trades help with carpentry and drywall, tile, electrical, and plumbing jobs.

Green said that recipient agencies are responsible for supervising offenders working for them, as well as maintaining clear, precise, and accountable records of their work. Program participants must obey the court-sanctioned rules and regulations.

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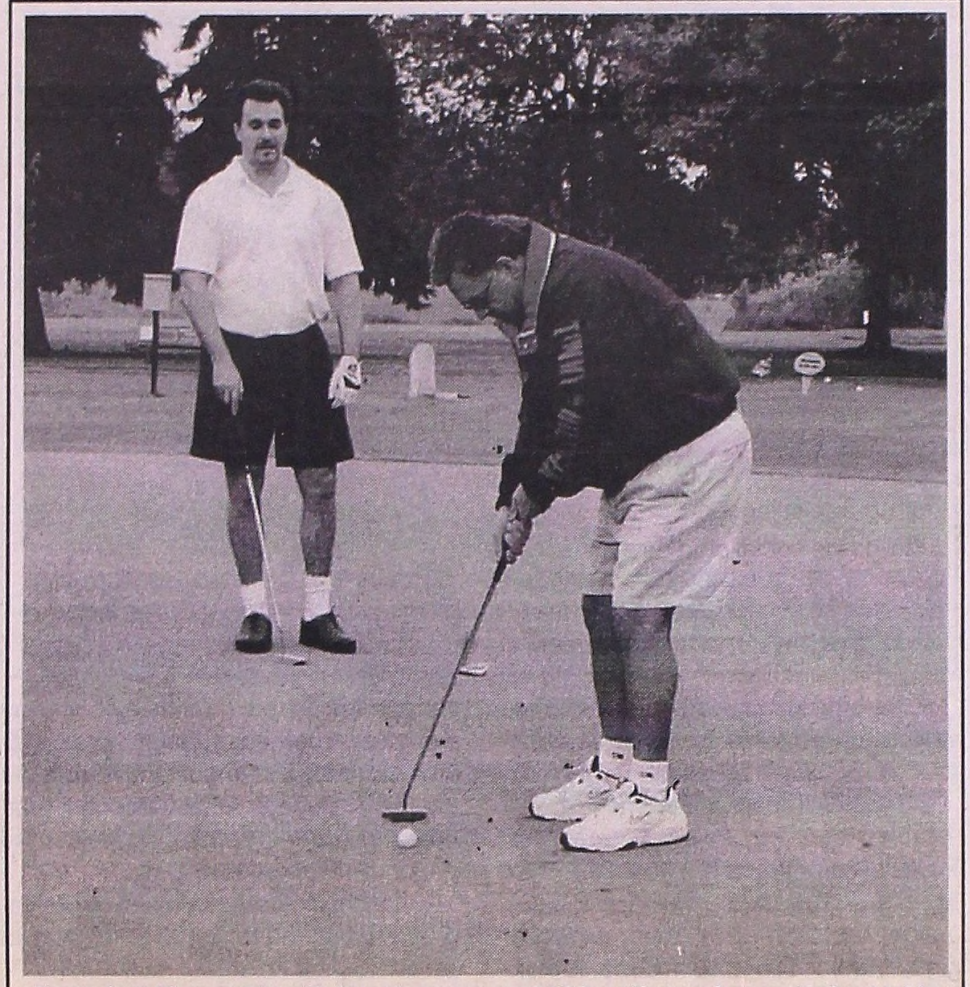
Mayor's Golf Outing Raises $ for Drug-abuse Prevention



Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert, one of 120 golfers who participated in the annual fund-raiser, enjoyed the opportunity to demonstrate his putting skills for city prosecuting attorney Raymond Guzall.

The Romulus Mayor's Substance Abuse Task Force held its 16th annual benefit golf outing at the Shady Hollow Golf Course on July 11. As always, the event was a tremendous success, raising thousands of dollars for drug-awareness and abuse-prevention programs.

More than 120 golfers participated in the day-long festivities. Bill Todd of Redford was the big winner, taking home Northwest Airlines' donation of two round-trip tickets for his efforts at hole 16. The men's winning team, sponsored by Old Kentucky Homes, and the women's winning team of Sharon Treder, Mary Lee Treder, Nancy Treder, and Jan Carter proudly accepted the championship trophies and await their challengers at next year's event.

The Romulus Mayor's Substance Abuse Task Force is a nonprofit organization comprised of civic and business leaders. Together, they have accepted the ongoing mission of working toward a drug-free community and keeping our children safe from the harmful effects of substance abuse.

The Mayor and his fellow Task Force members would like to thank all the sponsors, participants, and volunteers who made the 2003 golf outing a big success. ❑

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Mike and Maria Beaudrie, owners of the newly remodeled Michael B's Bar & Grill (formerly Walter's Bar), would like to thank the following people for their help with the renovation: Rick Hadyniak, Lisa Hadyniak, Frank Carney, Buck Carney, Ray Byrne, Rita Byrne, Pat Byrne, and Ed Wolfe.

Annual "Party in the Park" Was Timeless Fun for Everyone

On Wednesday, July 16, Romulus Historic Park (located on Hunt Street south of Goddard Road) was filled with citizens – some in period clothing – who turned out to enjoy music, refreshments, and conversation during the Romulus Historical Society's annual "Party in the Park." Other highlights of the event included tours of the Samuel Kingsley house, where costumed young people demonstrated antique toys and directed traffic through the beautifully restored building.

"This is what being mayor of a small town is all about: a beautiful July evening, great weather, wonderful people, and a dedicated group of self-starters putting it all together for a marvelous turnout," said Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert, who was on hand for the festivities. "This is a great example of direct interaction between government and the people, working together to achieve a common goal."

According to Lambert, Romulus Historic Park was created to offer a glimpse into the city's rich history and to provide a repository for artifacts donated by local families. Both the Kingsley house and the schoolhouse/museum were rescued from the wrecking ball by Historical Society members and lovingly restored with the help of fund-raising activities and government grants. ❑

(From left) Museum director Pearl Varner, Helen Carroll, and Angela Williams were among those who got into the spirit of the "Party in the Park" event by dressing in period costumes.

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4th-grade reading	40.9	26.9	34.7
5th-grade writing	53.1	25.3	37.7
5th-grade science	64.2	41.3	42.6
5th-grade social studies	13.2	2.6	3.3
7th-grade reading	34.0	20.7	
7th-grade writing	43.1	38.4	
8th-grade math	42.9	23.9	
8th-grade science	58.3	38.3	
8th-grade social studies	21.2	13.7	

**numbers represent % of students who met or exceeded the state standard*

A final analysis of all 2002 MEAP (Michigan Education Assessment Program) scores for grades four through eight shows that the Romulus Community Schools have again significantly outperformed area charter schools on all portions of the test.

"Our district scored higher on every test – many times, by double-digit margins," noted curriculum director Tom Dolan. "Our concerted efforts to individualize instruction for our students and to provide extra help through re-teachers and after-school tutorial programs have paid off handsomely."

Dolan also stressed the district's reputation among educators from the North Central Association (NCA), the State of Michigan, and Washington, D.C.

"The Romulus school district was among the first in the nation to achieve the NCA's prestigious five-year "transitions" accreditation last year, and U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige has commended the Romulus Community Schools for demonstrating that technology can play an important role in increasing student achievement in the sciences," he said.

Superintendent of schools Joel R. Carr pointed out the great differences in performance between the district and the charter schools – especially in math.

"The fourth-grade math scores show Romulus students had a passing rate of 58.2%, while Summit Academy recorded only a 21.2% rate and Metro Charter Academy had an even lower 19.5% rate. At the eighth-grade level, Romulus scored at a 42.9% passing rate in math, while Summit Academy had only 23.9% of its students pass.

"These are really significant numbers in a basic subject area, and they have been duly recognized by parents throughout the community," he added.

Summer Recreation Goes Swimming

Children participating in the City of Romulus summer recreation program are thoroughly enjoying their weekly trips to the new pool complex at Romulus High School, where they get to swim from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each visit.

Cook Retires After 37 Years with Romulus Community Schools

Linda Cook, technology director for the Romulus Community Schools, retired on June 30, 2003, after a distinguished 37-year career in education. Cook also served the district in several Middle School positions, including social studies/English teacher, media specialist, and assistant principal.

"Linda Cook was one of our most dedicated administrators," said Joel R. Carr, superintendent. "She gave unselfishly of her own time, and often worked evenings and weekends to help bring our technology projects to fruition. She oversaw the installation of our new fiber-optic infrastructure, phone system, laboratory lap-tops, channel 19, and other technology enhancements."

Cook was commended as a dedicated professional throughout her teaching years, and made major contributions to the district's language-arts curriculum, school-improvement team, and Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) testing committee. As an administrator, she was active as the Middle School's language department head, Public Act 25 information coordinator, activities director, and district technology committee chairwoman. She also authored the successful $50,000 Goals 2000 Professional Development grant for the school district.

During her teaching career at Romulus Middle School, Cook participated in student affairs and donated time to student dances, trips, and sleep-overs. She also devoted additional time to activities such as student tutoring, leadership workshops, book fairs, career days, parent nights, parent/teen days, and the North American Indian Symposium.

Romulus Community Schools administrators who threw a retirement party to help technology director Linda Cook (front, third from left) celebrate her outstanding educational career included: (from left) front – Jeffery Royal (director of special services), Mel Kimbrough (principal, Romulus Middle School), Phyllis Adkins (principal, Cory Elementary), Lynne Mossoian (principal, Romulus Elementary), and Chris Powers (assistant principal, Romulus Middle School); back – Doug Hoffman (assistant principal, Romulus High School), Bill Musham (director of adult and community education), Joel R. Carr (superintendent), Debbie Juriga (principal, Wick Elementary), and Diane Golka (principal, Barth Elementary).

District technology director Linda Cook enjoyed an exemplary 37-year career as a teacher and administrator in the Romulus Community Schools.

"Linda Cook has been a true hometown hero who returned and honored her community with an exemplary 37-year teaching and administrative career," Carr said of the 1962 Romulus High School valedictorian. "We are indeed fortunate to have had her on our staff."

Cook plans to return to the Romulus Community Schools and work part-time in her retirement in order to help the district select and train a new technology director. She also plans to spend time at her northern Michigan cottage with her husband Bud, daughters Carrie and Katie, and son Loren. ❑

Safety Days at Burton Center

Members of the Romulus police and fire departments were joined by Michigan State troopers at the Burton Center to bid farewell to preschoolers from the Head Start, My Friends & Me, and Michigan Student Readiness programs, and share some important tips on how to have a safe and happy summer.

One of the main attractions was the State Police Department's "Buckle Bear," who stressed the importance of seat-belt use. K-9 officers "Smokey" and "Bandit" from the Romulus Police Department showed the children how the dogs sniff out fleeing criminals and illegal drugs, and firefighters from the Romulus Fire Department displayed their trucks and other gear.

Other concerns addressed during the program included bike and bus safety.

Firefighters from each of Romulus's four fire stations showed the children their engines, rescue vehicles, and the "jaws of life."

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Summer School Fun

The summer open swimming program hosted by the Romulus Community Schools has been a big hit with youngsters like (from left) Jenna Bragg, Brittany Frazier, and Mercecdes McNabb.

Middle schoolers attending teacher Joseph Commander's summer school class include: (from left) front – John Mundy, Deoutae Vaughn, Megan Lawrence, and Shannon Spicer; back – Thomas Maxwell, Jordan Prater, Aaron King, Alaura Harper, Merissa Gordon, and Patrick Watkins.

(From left) Wick Elementary summer students Arville Cole and Terrance Price had many spirited multiplication and word-recognition contests under the tutelage of instructor/Wick paraprofessional Tonya Carter.

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Halecreek Happenings

Halecreek kindergartners and sixth-graders working with parent volunteer Rhonda Kieznowski (back; fifth from right) to clean up the school yard for Earth Day were: (from left) front – Emily Turner, Leah Barnes, Sam Bonas, Justice Bowie, Michael Kieznowski, Chelsea Gaddis, and Jalen Bouldes; back – Michal Isaacs, Brianna Glover, Jamie Coleman, Angela Hopkins, Terry Morgan, Cody Mortzfield, Derek Kinney, and Matthew Adams.

Kindergartner Bria Jones (right) read the shape book she created to "book buddy" Jackson Arold from the Burton Center's preschool class. The children also shared stories, sang songs, and played in the gym.

Kindergartners (from left) Measha Diebel, Leah Barnes, and Wilfredo Pacheco created this block structure in one of many cooperative-learning assignments intended to help students work together to answer questions, develop designs, solve problems, and complete tasks.

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 23, 2003

The Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education, held on Monday, June 23, 2003, was called to order Acting President Betty Lenossi at 6:15 p.m.

Roll call showed members Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, Michael Woods, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, and Niema White present. Board member April Frayer was excused. Administrators Joel R. Carr, Tom Dolan, and William Routhier were in attendance. Administrator Edward Clark was excused.

Acting President Lenossi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Questions and concerns about the budget were addressed by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations.

Member April Frayer entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

6/03/11 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

6/03/12 Moved by White supported by Roscoe to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2003, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATION – FYI: Heidi Damron, A.M. Kindergarten Aide, Merriman Elementary, Effective June 13, 2003.

RETIREMENT: Antoinette M. Brothers, Paraprofessional, Merriman Elementary, Effective June 13, 2003.

6/03/13 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley that the Board of Education accept the retirement of personnel as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

6/03/14 Moved by Buckley supported by White to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Middle School Yearbook

Ms. Gail Fraley, teacher, and students appeared before the Board of Education to present the 2002–2003 Yearbook.

Presentation by the Healthy Living Committee

Mrs. Sheila Stasak appeared before the Board of Education and provided an overview of the accomplishments of the Healthy Living Committee along with goals for the 2003–2004 school year. Also attending from the committee were Billy Jo Stears, Reverend William Kren, and Janice Walker.

Review of Summer 2003 Activities

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, reviewed activities scheduled for the summer of 2003 (i.e., summer schools, driver's education, etc.).

Adoption of 2003–2004 Budget

6/03/15 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation and adopt the 2003–2004 Budget as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Contract Ratifications

6/03/16 Moved by Frayer supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, and approve a new collective bargaining agreement with Local 64, Council 25, AFSCME for the years 2003–2004 and 2004–2005. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/03/17 Moved by White supported by Buckley that the Board of Education accept the salary and Blue Cross program as outlined on the attachment for central office and nonunion staff for the years 2003–2004 and 2004–2005. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Communication – MAISL – Congratulations; 2) Communication – National Honor Society Induction; 3) Article – No Logic in Adding Charter Schools; and 4) Congratulations from State Senator Raymond Basham on Mentoring Grant – Western Michigan University.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Cheryle Buckley expressed appreciation for the excellent senior high school activities. Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz expressed concern over the High School Yearbook and the student newspaper. He further expressed concern over appropriate dress for the prom.

Executive Session – Negotiations

There was no executive session held.

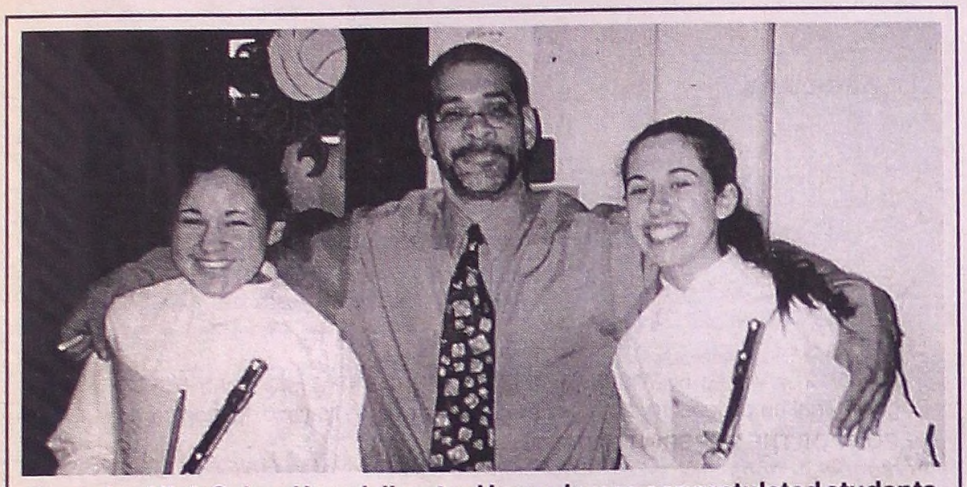
ADJOURNMENT:

6/03/18 Moved by Fraser supported by Buckley that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryle Buckley, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

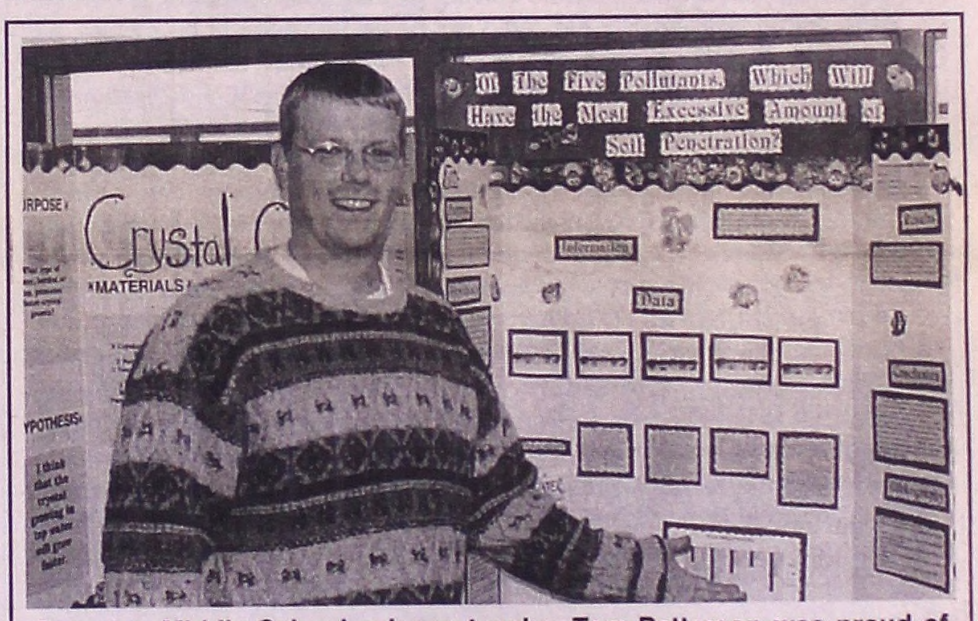
Around the District



Romulus High School band director Henry James congratulated students Lashonda Windham (left) and Jazmine Bennett, whose well-played flute duet earned a first-division rating at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival. The two were the only Romulus entrants to get a "I" at the festival, which was held at Farmington Harrison High School.

Merriman principal Shellie Moore (back, right) and teacher Jeannie Prisco (back, left) helped students prepare for their spring vocal concert. Pictured are: (from left) front – Rebecca Nowicki, Cody Foster, Sierra Straughter, India Best, and Courtney Thompson; back – Tariq Hadin, Nikhil Flores, Caniya Wilson, Alexis McGraw, Gwendolyn Block, and Keri Chafins.

Attending Romulus Elementary's volunteer appreciation luncheon were: (from left) front – Cheryl Kidd, Niema White (Board trustee), and Rose Williams; back – parent coordinators Patty Vardy (with son Nicholas) and Nadine Craig, Lynne Mossoian (principal), and Janet Turner-Harmon.



Romulus Middle School science teacher Tom Patterson was proud of student Jessica Mills, whose exhibit on pollutants (pictured here) took first place in the environmental division at the annual science fair. In all, six eighth-graders received top honors for their work.

Teachers Lauren Withey and Becky Montroy (back, left and right) played in the "duck tank" with students (from left) Charlotte Sharrow, Jayvin Street, and Samantha Hatfield during the Barth School Fair.

Featured soloists at the Romulus High School Choir's annual Spring Concert included (from left) Robert Wilcox, LaTara Steele, Elizabeth Berry, Patricia Williams, Michael Hudson, and Markeda Rucker.

Community Calendar

- **Local Businesses Host Weekly "Cruise Night" Events** – Come out for old-fashioned "Cruise Night" fun throughout the summer outside Walter's Bar/Romulus Lanes (located at 37452 Huron River Drive) each Wednesday beginning at 6 p.m. (co-sponsored by Romulus Auto Supply), and at Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers (15155 Huron River Drive) every Thursday starting at 5 p.m. All are welcome.
- **Antique/Flea Market** – The Waltz Improvement Association will host an antique/flea market from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 27, at Waltz Park. For further information, please call 734-654-8020 or 734-753-4416.
- **Flyers Sign-up** – Boys and girls ages 8–13 are invited to sign up for the Romulus Flyers football and cheerleading squads during open registration at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) on Friday, August 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and on Saturday, August 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is $35 for the first child, $15 for each additional child from the same household. Parent or guardian *must* bring proof of residency and an *original* birth certificate in order to complete the registration process.
- **Kentuckians Host Annual Picnic** – The Kentuckians of Michigan will host their 43rd annual all-day picnic – featuring a variety of live bluegrass and country music, as well as delicious home-style cooking – at Liberty Park (located at 28391 Bredow Road in Romulus) on Sunday, August 10, beginning at 8 a.m. Performers will include Eddie Adkins & the Southerners, Bobby Hutch & Grand Ole Country, Larry Webster & the Mule Band (from Pikeville, KY), the Kentucky Bluebirds, Fragment (on tour from the Czech Republic), Wendy Smith & Blue Velvet, Northern Star Dancers, and more. Keith Jason from WSDS-AM radio will be on hand to act as emcee. An invocation featuring singing by The Boggs Family and a service conducted by Reverend Johnnie Jones will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Winners of the "Kentucky King/Father and Queen/Mother," "Newest Married Couple," "Longest Married Couple," and "Youngest Baby" contests will receive their awards at 2:30 p.m. Still other attractions include a garage sale; friendly games of horseshoes, volleyball, and other sports; 50/50 raffles; and kiddie fun such as face painting, 3-legged races, and clowns. Admission (which does not include the cost of the breakfast buffet or country dinner buffet) is $6 per person; $10 for RVs. For more information, call 734-782-0132.
- **Movie in the Park** – The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation invites you to load up a car full of family members and friends and come out to Elmer Johnson Park on Friday, August 15, to enjoy a family-oriented movie. Parking is $2 per vehicle; admission is free. Refreshments will be offered for sale. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. For more information, including show time and movie title, call 734-942-6852.
- **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project Meets** – The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project will host its next meeting in room 507 at Romulus High School beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20. Members of the community are strongly urged to attend.
- **Chamber To Host Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual golf-outing fund-raiser at Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course (39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne) on Thursday, August 21. The day will start with registration, a continental breakfast, and time on the practice range beginning at 7:30 a.m., followed by an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. A banquet – featuring awards and prizes – is planned for 2:30 p.m. Cost is $120 per person. Space is limited; register early. No registrations accepted after Friday, August 8. For more info, call the Chamber: 734-326-4290.
- **St. Aloysius Plans Benefit Golf Outing** – St. Aloysius Catholic School's Usher Club will host its first annual golf-outing fund-raiser at Shady Hollow Golf Course in Romulus on Thursday, September 11. A cost of $85 per person covers cart rental, dinner, and prizes. For more information, contact Steve Kertez at 734-753-4379.
- **Head Start Seeks Enrollment** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently enrolling eligible three- and four-year-old children for the 2003–2004 school year. This free program, held at the Lorena Burton Center (formerly Beverly School), serves children from limited-income families, handicapped children, and foster children. call 734-532-1900 for information.

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SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 26, 2003

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education, held on Thursday, June 26, 2003, was called to order by Acting President Betty Lenossi at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call showed members Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, Michael Woods, Celeste Roscoe, and Niema White present. Board members April Frayer and Kenneth Mientkiewicz were excused. Administrators Joel R. Carr, Tom Dolan, and William Routhier were in attendance. Administrator Edward Clark was excused.

Acting President Lenossi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

6/03/19 Moved by Woods supported by White to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Member Kenneth Mientkiewicz entered the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Approval of Contract for Athletic Field Improvement

6/03/20 Moved by Woods supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education approve the low bidder, SRI Industries, for the bid of $848,900.00 to install a synthetic field at Romulus Middle School, funds to be allocated from the 1999 Bond Program. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mr. Lance Knudson asked if there were plans to put in conduit and wire for extra speakers for the visitors' side. Mr. William Routhier replied that this was in the plans.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Cheryle Buckley questioned as to whether a pole vault pit was being provided for in the new proposal. Mr. William Routhier advised that this was in the plans. Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz questioned whether work on the athletic field would have any effect on the football schedule, and was advised that the first few games would be scheduled away.

ADJOURNMENT:

6/03/21 Moved by Roscoe supported by Buckley that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryle Buckley, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Sassy Seniors

Councilman William Wadsworth thanked Dorothy Federspiel for her idea to set up an Animal Shelter donation can at the Romulus Senior Center.

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to the "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call the Center's new telephone number: 734-955-4120.)

Fun Fest 2003

Be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, August 15, because you won't want to miss Fun Fest 2003's many, *many* attractions, including ongoing entertainment, lunch and dinner offerings, prize drawings, and massages, as well as legal services, a mini health screening, and hearing/vision/glaucoma/cataracts screenings. The program will be held at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. This special event is a joint effort between Linda Norman, senior-citizen program coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, manager of the Romulus Tower senior-citizen apartment building.

Senior Crafters Wanted

The Romulus Senior Center is looking senior citizens who would like to take part in the Center's craft show during the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival, set for September 19–21. Although there is no charge for a table, space is limited, so early registration is strongly encouraged.

Downriver Senior Olympics

Show your support for fellow Romulus seniors by attending the Downriver Senior Olympics, to be held in Memorial Park (Lincoln Park) the week of August 4–8. For event days and times, call the Center.

Senior Day at the Michigan State Fair

The Senior Center's van will be traveling to the Michigan State Fairgrounds on Monday, August 25, for "Senior Day at the Fair." Admission will be free for people age 60 and older. Space is limited; sign up now to reserve your seat.

Movie in the Park

The Romulus Senior Center invites you to gather up a carload of family members or friends and come out to Elmer Johnson Park on Friday, August 15, to enjoy a movie in the park. Parking is $2 per vehicle; admission for the family-oriented movie (title and time to be announced) is free. Refreshments will be available for sale. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on.

Shopping

For a transportation fee of just $1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at Southland/Meijer on Monday, August 4; Farmer Jack/Wal-Mart on Monday, August 11; or Kmart on Monday, August 18. All departure times are 9:30 a.m.

Sign up at the Center.

Lunch Out

Join old and new friends for lunch at Hope's Fish & Chips on Friday, August 22. Cost is $1.50 for transportation, plus the price of your meal. Sign up at the Center to reserve your space.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, at the Center. As always, both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-955-4120) are welcome. ❑

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Obituaries

William T. "Tom" Blade

William "Tom" Blade of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2003, at the age of 67.

Born on Friday, June 5, 1936, the native of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, founded Blade Welding Service, Inc., more than 30 years ago. A 32nd-degree Mason (Lodge #520, Detroit, MI) and a member of both the Belleville Chamber of Commerce and the Belleville Presbyterian Church, Tom enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting, bowling, and riding his golf cart through the trails he had made on his property. He was a man who lived life to the fullest, and he will be missed.

Among those surviving Tom are his wife of 47 years, Lodema Arleen (Closs) Blade; 2 children, William T. "Bill" Blade, Jr. (Romulus, MI) and Lyla (Tony) Koenig (Belleville); 2 sisters, Audrey (Frank) Broughton (Prescott, MI) and Delores (Arnold) Smith (Clarkston, MI); and twin grandsons, Charlie and Chris.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Francis L. and Lillian M. (Tobias) Blade; an infant son; 2 brothers, Richard Keith Tobias and George A. Blade; and a sister, Francis "Midge" Blade.

A funeral service was held Thursday, July 17, at Belleville Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Neeta R. Nichols officiating. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery (Belleville).

Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville).

Memorial tributes to the church would be appreciated by the family.

Nellie M. Canup

Nellie M. Canup of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, June 28, 2003, at the age of 82.

Nellie – born on Monday, September 20, 1920, in Paducah, Kentucky – enjoyed shopping with her grandchildren, gardening, word-search puzzles, and watching soap operas, which she called "her shows."

She is survived by 2 sons, Michael and Ralph Canup (both of Romulus); a sister, Edna Sanders (Paducah); 3 grandchildren, Jamie Villneff (Dearborn Hgts., MI), Lindsey Canup (Dearborn Hgts.), and Stephen Canup (Dearborn, MI); and 3 great-grandchildren, Madison Villneff, Austin Villneff, and McKinley Miller.

Predeceasing Nellie were her parents, Titus and May (Masiuo) Davis, and a son, John Canup (August 18, 1997).

A funeral service was held Wednesday, July 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), officiated by Pastor Robert J. White (Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, MI). Cremation rites were accorded.

Phyllis D. Church

Phyllis D. (O'Kelley) Church of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, June 26, 2003, at the age of 56.

A native of Kennett, Missouri, Phyllis was born on Saturday, September 28, 1946. The 1964 graduate of Doniphan High School (Doniphan, MO) and employee of General Motors was a talented quilter who stitched each project by hand.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Allen G. Church, Sr.; 3 sons, Adam Andrew Fitzpatrick (Belleville), Allen G. (Marcie) Church, Jr. (Belleville), and Adam Michael (Colene) Church (Havelock, NC); 2 brothers, Ted O'Kelley (Kalamazoo, MI) and Danny (Carol) O'Kelley (Belleville); a sister, Patricia (Richard) Soranno (Belleville); 3 grandchildren, Logan, Porter, and Lydia Church; and many nieces and nephews.

Among those predeceasing her were her parents, Joseph and Florence (Baldridge) O'Kelley.

A funeral service was held Monday, June 30, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Walker Harris (Belleville Freewill Baptist Church) acting as the officiant. Cremation rites were accorded.

James Michael Davis

James Michael Davis of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at the age of 67.

Born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on Friday, January 24, 1936, James was employed at Ford Motor Company's Wixom-Novi plant for 33 years before his retirement. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he was a member of both Belleville Moose Lodge #934 and the Breakfast Club of Lakeview, Michigan. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, and cards, especially blackjack.

James is survived by his wife, Peggy Jane (Hath) Davis; 3 children, Debra (Joe) Summers (Belleville), Diana (Michael) Cude (FL), and Judy (Bruce) Ashley (Romulus, MI); 6 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter, Natalie; and another great-grandchild on the way.

A funeral service was held Friday, July 4, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Pastor Robert J. White (Grace Baptist Church, Belleville) officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorial contributions to Hospice of Michigan would be greatly appreciated by the Davis family.

Barbara J. Gillingham

Barbara J. Gillingham of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, June 26, 2003, at the age of 67.

Barbara was born in Shelby, Ohio, on Thursday, April 23, 1936. The former resident of Belleville, Michigan, worked for the Van Buren Convalescent Center and the Van Buren School District. A very kind and giving woman, Barbara was a foster mother for many years and was known as "Mom" to many. She also served as a Girl Scout leader. Her family – which she raised single-handedly – was a very important part of her life.

Surviving Barbara are her children, Ralph (Toni) Gillingham, Jr. (Springfield, MO), DeAnna (David) Jeffers (Redford, MI), Glenna Gillingham (Myrtle, MS), and Patricia-Jan (Robert) Favors (Belleville); 3 sisters, Martha White (Mansfield, OH), Katherine (Roger) Adam (Shelby), and Bertha Lambert (Mansfield); 16 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandkids.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Joseph and Rose Mary (Reidy) Sheridan; 3 brothers, Charles, Robert, and Donald; and 4 sisters, Helen, Dolores, Edith, and Lucy.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, July 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

John Thomas Glinski

John Thomas Glinski of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2003, at the age of 84.

Born in Vassar, Michigan, on Tuesday, December 17, 1918, John was employed at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus) for 30 years before his retirement in 1990. The former resident of Belleville, Michigan, enjoyed watching television and being outdoors, especially sitting in the sun and watching all the birds in his yard.

John is survived by a brother, Albert (Anita) Glinski (Almont, MI), as well as several nieces and nephews.

Among those who predeceased him were his parents, Louis and Katherine (Padikula) Glinski; 5 brothers, Walter, Joe, Felix, Martin, and Frank; and 2 sisters, Ann and Mary.

A funeral mass was held Tuesday, July 15, at St. Anthony Catholic Church (Belleville), with Father Thomas H. Cusick as celebrant. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville).

Curtis Hendrix

Curtis Hendrix of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, June 28, 2003, at the age of 60.

Curtis – born in Eldridge, Alabama, on Saturday, October 10, 1942 – proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. The former resident of Brownstown Township, Michigan, was employed as a pipe-fitter for 35 years before he retired from Local #636 (Detroit, MI). Curtis liked working with his hands – especially woodworking – and also enjoyed hunting, fishing, bonfires, collecting knives, and, most importantly, spending time with his family.

Among those surviving Curtis are his wife of 38 years, Carolyn Kay (Hyder) Hendrix; 2 daughters, Kathy (Michael) Watson (Superior Twp., MI) and Beth Janusz (Ann Arbor, MI); his parents, Kirg and Kathleen (Hendon) Hendrix (Trenton, MI); 3 siblings, Kenneth (Linda) Hendrix (Riverview, MI), Michael (Judy) Hendrix (Trenton, MI), and Carolyn (Michael) McMurtry (Waterford, MI); 2 grandsons; 2 granddaughters; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Monday, June 30, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville, MI), with Pastor Calvin Brown officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorial contributions to the Grandchildren's Educational Fund would be appreciated by the family.

Iva Doris Mitton

Iva Doris Mitton of Belleville, Michigan (formerly of Romulus, Michigan), passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2003, at the age of 101.

Born in Canada on Sunday, August 25, 1901, Iva enjoyed needlework, flower and vegetable gardening, crossword puzzles, playing cards, and watching baseball and hockey. She also loved to bake, and her chocolate cake and apple pies will be especially missed. Most of all, Iva enjoyed spending time with her family, particularly her grandchildren.

Iva is survived by 5 children, Bruce Mitton (Fayette, OH), Gertrude (Charles) Minthorn (Belleville), Lawrence Mitton (Romulus), Shirley Volf (Hickman, NE), and Eunice (James) Kause (Belleville); a daughter-in-law, Iola Mitton (Las Vegas, NV); a sister-in-law, Helen Paddon (St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada); 19 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Among those predeceasing her were her parents, William and Atlanta (Conrad) Paddon; her husband, Ronald (1969); a son, Gordon Mitton; 4 brothers, Russell, Jack, Bevan, and Shirley; 2 brothers who died in infancy; 2 sisters, Muriel and Bernice; and a great-grandson, Michael Minthorn.

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A funeral service was held Wednesday, July 16, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiating. Interment was at Greenwood Cemetery (Canada).

Memorial contributions to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

Pauleda F. Montgomery

Pauleda F. Montgomery of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, July 7, 2003, at the age of 57.

The native of Nimmons, Arkansas, was born on Tuesday, March 26, 1946.

Pauleda is survived by her mother, Mozelle Montgomery (Brooksville, FL); a son, Marcus (Dawn) Montgomery (Romulus); 3 brothers, Fred (Marty) Montgomery (Springhill, FL), Dwight Montgomery (Brooksville), and Wiley Montgomery (Romulus); 3 sisters, Wyvonna Bujor (Romulus), Mozella Markham (Romulus), and Perna (Jim) Brown (New Boston, MI); and 4 grandchildren, Johnny, Marcus, Dustin, and Shelby.

She was preceded in death by her father, DL Hale Montgomery; a brother, Jay Douglas Montgomery; and a sister, Gail Gwendolyn Ciccarelli.

A funeral service was held Saturday, July 12, at the Church of Christ (Taylor, MI), with Minister Marvin Wellsted officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Jimmy Lee Murphy

Jimmy Lee Murphy, a lifelong resident of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Friday, July 4, 2003, at the age of 59.

He was born on Friday, October 29, 1943.

Surviving Jimmy are his parents, Walter J. and Beaulah Marie (Harrison) Murphy; his wife, Linda M. (Minnis) Murphy; 4 children, Michael (Becky) Murphy (Romulus, MI), Timmy Murphy (Canton, MI), Bo Murphy (Romulus), and Terri Midworth (Howell, MI); a sister, Peggy (Bill) Bower; and 8 grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased him was his second wife, JoAnn (2000).

Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorial contributions to the Murphy family would be appreciated.

Betty B. Sypula

Betty B. Sypula of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, June 29, 2003, at the age of 74.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on Sunday, May 12, 1929.

Betty is survived by 3 sons, Timothy (Diann) Sypula (Lodi, WI), Michael Sypula (Dearborn Hgts., MI), and Jamie (Michelle) Sypula (Romulus); 2 daughters, Barbara (Ray) Sypula (Dearborn Hgts.) and Patricia (Michael) Delaney (Dearborn, MI); a brother, Edmond Barlow (Taylor, MI); a sister, Nancy (Eugene) Gaspar (Dearborn); and 7 grandchildren, Sarah, Paula, Alex, Kristopher, Jason, Charlotte, and Jillian.

Those who predeceased her included her parents, Edgar and Sonia (Radomski) Barlow, and her husband, Frank Sypula (August 16, 1992).

A funeral service was held Thursday,, July 3, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Nathanial Patrick Webb

Nathanial Patrick Webb – the expected infant son of Terry Edward and Jenifer Kay (Eves) Webb of Belleville, Michigan – was delivered, stillborn, on Sunday, July 6, 2003.

Among those surviving him are his brother, Ryan Anthony Webb, and his grandparents, Dallas D. and Ruth M. (Adkins) Webb (Westland, MI), and George L. and Kay A. (Mason) Eves (Wayne, MI).

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, July 9, at Hillside Cemetery (Belleville), with Pastor Stephen F. Long officiating.

Memorial contributions to the family would be appreciated.

Eddie Mae Witherow

Eddie Mae Witherow of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, July 5, 2003, at the age of 60.

A native of Monticello, Arkansas, Eddie was born on Wednesday, October 7, 1942, and married her husband of more than 40 years, Patrick C. Witherow, on October 31, 1962. Eddie honorably served with the U.S. Air Force and was a member of the Romulus Progressive Club. She enjoyed crossword and word-search puzzles, bowling, bingo, sewing, crafts, and traveling and camping with her family.

Among those surviving Eddie are her husband; 2 daughters, Mrs. Stuart (Theresa) Kerr (Romulus) and Mrs. Joseph (Kimberly) Koss (Brownstown, MI); 2 brothers, Robert (Sandra) Brown (McAllen, TX) and Harlen (Patricia) Brown (Eldorado, AR); and 5 grandchildren.

She was predecased by her parents, Edward and Flora (Lillard) Brown, and several sisters.

A funeral service was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father Alexander Wytrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. ❑

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Autumn Lee McCluskey

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Autumn Lee, are James and Candice (Coak) McCluskey of Romulus, Michigan.

Autumn was born in Garden City Hospital at 12 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2003, weighing 6 lbs., 4 oz., and measuring 19".

Especially excited about the new arrival was her big sister, 3-year-old Melanie Marie Coak.

Also giving Autumn a warm welcome into the family were her paternal grandparents, James and Connie McCluskey (Flat Rock, MI), and her maternal grandparents, Marvin and Cynthia Coak (Romulus). ❑

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Marvin and Cynthia Coak of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Ginger Marie Coak, to Allen Cla McNaughton, the son of Earl S. and Betty McNaughton of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

The couple – who had been engaged since November 2002 – exchanged their wedding vows during a beautiful ceremony at Laurel Chapel (Livonia, MI) on May 31, 2003. The bride's spring bouquet of daisies featured her wedding colors of plum and white.

Standing up with Allen were his best man, Dale R. McNaughton, as well as ushers Russell A. Turner and Anthony J. Coak.

Ginger's attendants included her maid of honor, Tracy A. Coak, and bridesmaids Candice L. McClusky, Christa G. McNaughton, and Samantha P. Richter.

Ring bearer and flower girl were John P. McNaughton and Melanie M. Coak, respectively.

A reception at Romulus Progressive Hall was attended by 200 guests, many from as far away as Florida.

The couple currently resides in Ypsilanti. ❑

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